

Expectations for the Working Group

The working Group members expressed their expectations for the Working Group, including:

- To have an opportunity to influence the process
- To provide perspective on whether more data is needed and how data analysis is being conducted
- To understand the timeline for addressing issues
- To know how and when sampling of commercial properties will occur
- To understand the issues of other participants and have a forum for raising issues
- To know where we diverge and have an opportunity to go on record about our views
- To understand how community involvement fits in with the Working Group
- To provide a reality check for EPA through input to the process as well as input to the clean up, if and when we get to that point
- To have access to all the data that is public information
- To be involved in every discussion that relates to how risk assessment is done, to have input to the process and decisions
- To be included in discussions between the state and EPA on significant issues(or to be told why we weren't included)
- To have full involvement of ATSDR in the process and to inform the community about health implications
- To have EPA treat the site as an environmental justice site
- To know there is a solution to health problems and see everyone working toward that solution
- To know the extent of cancer and respiratory disease in the area
- To have EPA conduct state of the art risk assessment and to fully understand the science that has gone into making decisions
- To have the government agencies work together and set aside power struggles and to work together for solutions that are best for the community

 To have the Working Group help ATSDR in ATSDr's four areas of
 - responsibility: health evaluation of data, community involvement, education, and communication of health studies
- To provide an opportunity for the toxicologists to share perspectives and expertise (they will report back to the Working Group the results of separate technical discussions which they may have)
- To have a forum in which all participants can ask questions
- To have a written report of discussions